

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 23, 1890.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in reference to the payment of the wages rolls on the last day of each month and in which you call my attention to Section 6, Article 14 of Regulations, page 17, and also to Section 16, Article 29, page 34, requesting to know whether you can use your discretion in suspending these, you are informed that I find nothing in the Regulations referred to that would prevent the payment of the rolls on the last day of each month.

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six ^{2d} and seven hundred per diem employees
on the rolls of the Bureau of Engraving ^{2d}
Printing, all of whom are paid upon the
last day of each month. The practice
in that Bureau is to make up the rolls
as far as practicable that is by entering
the names ^{2d} and rate of compensation, then
filling in on the last day of the month
the number of days ^{2d} and amount due for
service. I think this could be done at
your mint; certainly could be so as to
pay the per diem employees on the 1st
day of the succeeding month. Of course
this would require the operative officers
to file their time reports for the employees
promptly ^{2d} which they should do so that

The employe's may be paid with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully yours,

A. L. Lee
Director of the Mint.

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